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Dear Mrs. Lee:

We were very happy to receive your letter of October 25. We were not pleased to hear that you had made a previous effort to reach us and received no response. We are reasonably sure that we have never received any correspondence from you. We are very careful about answering our mail, and as much as possible, doing so on a timely basis. We suspect your letter was lost in the mails, even though this seems to us to be a rare occurrence.

Sometimes Mrs. Bowman gives us the name and address of those who contact her and we contact them directly. We have an ample supply of inquiry letters and pedigree worksheets prepared for just that purpose. We try to contact each and every person who we hear about having some interest in ALFORD family history or genealogy.

I can assure you that we did not fail to respond to you because you failed to send a check. Many of those with whom we carry on a very active correspondence have never sent us a check and do not subscribe to the newsletter.

Enclosed are copies of the two most recent issues of the newsletter. We started your subscription with issue number 4 because in that issue we began several series which will continue over several, probably many, issues in the future. Having started with number 4, your subscription will continue through number 7 which will be mailed early in April 1984. You future mailing labels will show an expiration date of April 1984, meaning the end of April after issue 7 is mailed. This technique lets the computer alert us to send you a renewal reminder in that last issue.

The enclosed pedigree worksheet will let you show us your Alford lineage. We have included two continuation sheets so you can span the necessary generations from you to #299. We will be very happy to publish any inquiries you may have about your Alford ancestors. There is no limit as to length, frequency, quantity, etc. but they must pertain to Alford. There is no charge for the inquiries. Let us know what information you need on your "deadend" Alford, and we will put him in our Alford wanted list in the computer. *them*

You said you were interested in contributing information to our project, and we are all for that. Before you just up and send all you have, we suggest you tell us in general what you

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have. We may be able to save you some time and effort if we can identify any of what you have to data we already have. We are anxious to get anything and everything we can on any and all Alford's. We are most anxious to see where yours fit in.

You are obviously blessed with a computer. We would like to know what hardware (computer and printer) you have, what software you are using (obviously someone's word processor) and something about how you are using the computer.

Most of what you see in the newsletters was done with an Atari 800 using an Epson MX-80F/T printer with the graphics package. This letter and much of the future newsletters will be done on an Osborne Executive (bought the Friday before they folded the following week) using Wordstar and the same printer.

Sorry we missed connections on your earlier letter. We hope it doesn't happen again. Enjoy the newsletters, and we look forward to hearing from you again real soon. Thanks so much for the check and being persistent in trying to reach us.

Sincerely,

Mary & Gil Alford

Enclosures: ABOUT ALFORDS, Issue # 4 & 5  
Pedigree worksheet w/2 extensions